



State Senator

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VALDE GARCIA

Serving the 22nd District

Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties

Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

SJR I LOTTERY REVENUE (Kuipers)

Dedicates state lottery revenues to the funding of education.

To Appropriations

SB 1345 PROPERTY TAX BONUS (Birkholz) Eliminates salary bonus for the collection of delinquent property taxes.

To Finance

SB 1346 SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Birkholz)

Regulates on-site sewage disposal systems.

To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs

SB 1347 ADOPTION SUBSIDY (Schauer)

Clarifies bill to include adopted children eligible for supplemental security income.

To Families and Human Services

SB 1348 MOTORCYCLE RACING (Schauer)

Regulates certain motorcycle racetracks and races.

To Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

SB 1349 SUGAR BEET GRANTS (Barcia)

Provides for grants under certain circumstances to farmer-owned sugar beet cooperatives.

To Appropriations

SB 1350 EARLY RETIREMENT (Bernero)

Provides for an 80-and-out retirement plan for state employees.
To Appropriations

SB 1351 RETIREMENT INCREASE (Prusi)
Increases retirement allowances for retirements starting after December 31, 2004.

To Appropriations

SB 1352 RETIREMENT COST (Bernero)
Increases cost of living adjustments for retired state employees.

To Appropriations

SB 1353 RETIREMENT EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION (Clarke)
Increases employer contribution for retired state employees.

To Appropriations

SB 1354 STATE DEPICTION (George)
Provides that the state of Michigan will be depicted to appropriate scale.

To Local, Urban and State Affairs

SB 1355 NATURAL RESOURCES BONDS (Brater)
Provides for issuing revenue bonds for the Michigan natural resources trust fund.

To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs

SB 1356 NATURAL RESOURCE BONDS (Birkholz)
Provides for issuance of revenue bonds for the Michigan natural resources trust fund.

To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs

SB 1357 LICENSED SPOUSE (Jelinek)
Allows licensed spouse to carry another licensed spouse's pistol.

To Judiciary

SB 1358 SCHOOL AID (Brown)
Allows the use of at-risk funds for preschool and all-day kindergarten.

To Appropriations

SB 1359 FARM EQUIPMENT (Brown)
Requires a disclosure form for the sale of used farm equipment.

To Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

SB 1360 S.O.S. LOCATION (Brown)
Revises the population requirement for the location of secretary of state offices.

To Local, Urban and State Affairs

SB 1361 SPYWARE INSTALLING (Brown)
Prohibits and provides remedies for installing spyware on another individual's computer without consent.

To Judiciary

SB 1362 ORGAN DONATION INSTRUCTION (VanWoerkom)
Provides that instruction on organ donation be a requirement of the driver's education curriculum.

To Transportation

- SB 1363 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (VanWoerkom)**
Includes the use of the social studies assessment test results in qualifying for the Michigan merit award scholarship.
To Education
- SB 1364**
Prohibits and provides penalties for operating a motor vehicle in which sexually explicit material is being displayed or displaying that material.
To Judiciary
- SB 1365 ROTC INSTRUCTION (VanWoerkom)**
Considers certain ROTC classes as pupil instruction time.
To Education
- SB 1366 ATTORNEY RESIDENCY (Cropsey)**
Eliminates the residency requirement for the state bar.
To Judiciary
- SB 1367 Tuition Grants (Emerson)**
Eliminates the Michigan Tuition Grants to graduate students.
To Appropriations
- SB 1368 COURT FUNDING (Prusi)**
Transfers unexpended judicial technology improvement fund into the general fund for fiscal year 2004-05.
To Appropriations
- SB 1369 JUROR COMPENSTION (Switalski)**
Allows unexpended funds in juror compensation fund to be transferred to the general fund for fiscal year 2004-05..
To Appropriations
- SB 1370 REGISTERED NURSES (Hammerstrom)**
Includes registered nurses who work at state forensic center as state employees for the retirement system.
To Local, Urban and State Affairs
- SB 1371 CONSTRUCTION LIENS (Basham)**
Revises provisions on residential property construction liens.
To Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform
- SB 1372 GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION (McManus)**
Allows petition to reduce annual groundwater discharge permit fee.
To Appropriations
- SB 1373 PRIVATE SECURITY FEES (Prusi)**
Extends increase in private security and alarm system license fees.
To Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform
- SB 1374 MERCURY PROHIBITION (Jacobs)**
Prohibits disposal of mercury containing items removed from buildings during renovation or demolition.
To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs
- SB 1375 MERCURY PROHIBITION (Basham)**

Requires state agencies to avoid purchasing products containing mercury.
To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs

- SB 1376 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (Emerson)**
Ends Merit Scholarship for Michigan students attending out-of-state colleges except service academies.
To Appropriations
- SB 1377 AIR POLLUTION (Birkholz)**
Sets conditions for air pollution nonattainment area offsets.
To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs
- SB 1378 CHILD CUSTODY (Cherry)**
Expands child custody action by a third person to include incapacitated parent.
To Judiciary
- SB 1379 MERCURY PROHIBITION (Switalski)**
Prohibit disposal of lamps containing mercury by lighting contractors.
To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs
- SB 1380 MERCURY PROHIBITIONS (Brater)**
Requires separation, collection and recycling of mercury from mercury-added items.
To Natural Resources/Environmental Affairs
- SB 1381 ASSAULT WEAPONS (Jacobs)**
Prohibits manufacture, transfer and possession of assault weapons.
To Judiciary
- SB 1382 ASSAULT WEAPONS (Jacobs)**
Sets sentencing guidelines for violation of prohibition of assault weapons.
To Judiciary
- SR 290 DREAMS UNITED CLUBHOUSE (Johnson)**
Memorializes the Royal Oak Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the Dreams Unlimited Clubhouse zoning permit.
- SR 291 PROSTATE CANCER (George)**
Recognizes Sept. 2004 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.
- SR 292 ADDICTION RECOVERY (Scott)**
Observes Sept. 2004 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.
- SR 294 WORKER EXPLOITATION (Clarke)**
Opposes exploitation of workers through unfair labor practices and urges state agencies to refrain from purchasing products manufactured in sweat shops.
To Commerce and Labor
- HCR 57 CASINO TAX (Julian)**
Memorializes the Congress of the United States to implement a 36 percent federal wagering tax on gross receipts at Native American casinos to redistribute the revenues to the states of origin.

Committee Hearings
Hearings' times and topics are subject to change.

HOUSE

House Committee Michigan Capitol Committee
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-0289
Location 426 State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004
Time 8:30 AM
Agenda
Chair Senator Tom George

House Committee House Fiscal Agency Governing Board
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-1260
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004
Time 12:45 PM
Agenda Budget for the House Fiscal Agency for fiscal year 2005
Chair Representative Marc Shulman

House Committee Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-0575
Location 252 State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda
Chair Representative Sal Rocca

SENATE

Senate Committee Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number 373-3760
Location Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date Tuesday, 9/14/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda
HB 5467 (Voorhees) Family law; marriage and divorce; prerequisites for issuance of a marriage license; require premarriage program or longer waiting period.

HB 5468 (Stahl) Income tax; credit; marriage preservation tax credit; provide for.

HB 5469 (Hager) Family law; marriage and divorce; criteria for program to qualify for marriage preservation tax credit; establish.

HB 5470 (Vander Veen) Family law; marriage and divorce; divorce; require an educational pre-divorce program.

HB 5472 (Bradstreet) Family law; friend of the court; certain criteria for determining "interests of the child"; clarify.

HB 5473 (Wojno) Family law; marriage and divorce; recording of certain information on marriage license and certificate; require.

HB 5474 (Gleason) Family law; marriage and divorce; individuals who can accept payment and perform marriage and family counseling; expand.

SB 959 (McManus) Family law; marriage and divorce; individuals who can accept payment and perform marriage and family counseling; expand.

SB 960 (Barcia) Family law; marriage and divorce; divorce; require an educational predivorce program.

SB 961 (Cropsey) Family law; marriage and divorce; criteria for program to qualify for marriage preservation tax credit; establish.

SB 963 (Hardiman) Family law; marriage and divorce; recording of certain information on marriage license and certificate; require.

SB 964 (Sanborn) Family law; marriage and divorce; prerequisites for issuance of a marriage license; require pre-marriage program or longer waiting period.

SB 966 (Kuipers) Children; children's rights; parenting plan procedures and content; add to child custody act.

PENDING REFERRAL:

HB 4742 (LaSata) Courts; funding; payment of minimum state cost as a condition of probation; require.

Chair Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee	Commerce & Labor
Clerk Phone Number	373-2413
Location	Room 100, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Tuesday, 9/14/2004
Time	3:00 PM
Agenda	HB 5809 (Palsrok) Torts; liability; provisions of the common sense consumption act; enact.
Chair	Senator Jason Allen

Senate Committee	Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs
Clerk Phone Number	373-1854
Location	Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Date	Tuesday, 9/14/2004
Time	3:00 PM
Agenda	SB 1097 (Scott) Natural resources; inland lakes; lake level special assessments; exempt department of natural resources from.

SB 1148 (Prusi) Natural resources; hunting; free hunting and fishing licenses; authorize military personnel to obtain from department of natural resources licensing agents.

SB 1177 (Stamas) Natural resources; hunting; permit for hunting from an off-road vehicle for disabled individuals; expand eligibility for and activities authorized under.

HB 4225 (Tabor) Natural resources; hunting; minimum age requirement for hunting; eliminate.

SB 1355 (Brater) State; bonds; issuance of revenue bonds for the Michigan natural resources trust fund; provide for.

SB 1356 (Birkholz) Natural resources; trust funds; revenue bonds for the Michigan natural resources trust fund; provide for issuance.

Chair Senator Patricia L Birkholz

Senate Committee Health Policy

Clerk Phone Number 373-3543

Location Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower, 124 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933

Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004

Time 1:00 PM

Agenda HB 4361 (Reeves) Insurance; health care corporations; coverage for nurse midwives; provide for.

HB 4362 (Reeves) Insurance; health; coverage for nurse midwives; provide for.

Testimony Only: SB 1174 (Leland) Health; occupations; definitions of "physical therapy" and "physical therapy assistant"; clarify and provide for elimination of prescription requirement and provide for standards of practice and ethics.

Chair Senator Beverly S Hammerstrom

Senate Committee Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees

Location Room H252, Capitol Building, 124 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004

Time 3:00 P.M.

Agenda

Chair Committee Chair Robert Geakel

Senate Committee Michigan Capitol Committee

Clerk Phone Number 373-0793

Location Room 426, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Date Wednesday, 9/15/2004

Time 8:30 a.m.

Agenda

Chair Senator Tom George
